

Q3 -- Each set-top box 48 may be connected to an optional videocassette recorder 50 or other suitable recording device (e.g., digital storage device) so that selected television programs may be recorded. Each videocassette recorder 50 may be connected to a television 52. To record a program, set-top box 48 tunes to a particular channel and sends control signals to videocassette recorder 50 (e.g., using an infrared transmitter) that direct videocassette recorder 50 to start and stop recording at the appropriate times.--

In The Claims

Please amend claims 1, 5, 8, 10, 11, 13, 30, 31, 32, 35, 38, 39, 40, 42, 59, 60, 62, 63, 64, 67, 68, 69, 71, 81, 88, 92, and 93 as follows:

Q4 1. (Amended) An interactive television program guide system comprising:
a plurality of user television equipment devices interconnected by communications paths and located in a household and on at least two of which devices interactive television program guides are implemented;
means associated with at least one of said interactive television program guides for adjusting interactive television program guide settings; and
means for coordinating the operation of said interactive television program guides so that the program guide settings that are adjusted using said means for

adjusting are effective on at least one of the interactive television program guides other than the interactive television program guide implemented on the television equipment device with which the means for adjusting is associated.

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5. (Amended) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 2 wherein said means for selecting uses factors other than by default to determine the location.

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8. (Amended) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 1 wherein the means for adjusting permits adjusting favorites settings.

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10. (Amended) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 1 wherein the means for adjusting permits adjusting recording settings.

11. (Amended) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 1 wherein the means for adjusting permits adjusting pay-per-view settings.

a⁷ 13. (Amended) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 1 wherein the means for adjusting permits adjusting set-up settings.

a⁸ 30. (Amended) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 25 further comprising means for disallowing monitoring of a selected location.

31. (Amended) An interactive television program guide system comprising:

a plurality of user television equipment devices interconnected by communications paths and located in a household and on at least two of which devices interactive television program guides are implemented;

at least one of said interactive television program guides configured to adjust interactive television program guide settings; and

at least one of said interactive television program guides configured to coordinate the operation of said interactive television program guides so that program guide settings adjusted by at least one of one of said guides configured to adjust program settings are effective on at least one of the interactive television program guides other

than the interactive television program guide implemented on the television equipment device configured to adjust program guide settings.

Q8 32. (Amended) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 31 wherein at least one of one of said guides is configured to allow the selection of the interactive television program guides on which the adjusted program guide settings will be effective.

Q9 35. (Amended) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 32 wherein settings are effective on an interactive television program guide selected based on factors other than by default.

Q10 38. (Amended) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 31 wherein the settings adjusted include favorites settings.

39. (Amended) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 31 wherein the settings adjusted include recording settings.

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40. (Amended) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 31 wherein the settings adjusted include pay-per-view settings.

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42. (Amended) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 31 wherein the settings adjusted include set-up settings.

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59. (Amended) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 54 further comprising:

at least one of said interactive television program guides configured to disallow the ability to monitor the television viewing of users at specified interactive television program guides other than the interactive television program guide configured to allow the user to monitor the television viewing of users.

60. (Amended) A method for using an interactive television program guide system in which a plurality of user television equipment devices interconnected by communications paths and located in a household and on at least two of which devices interactive television program guides are implemented, the method comprising:

adjusting interactive television program guide settings with at least one of the interactive television program guides; and

coordinating the operation of said interactive television program guides so that program guide settings adjusted by at least one of said interactive television program guides are effective on at least one of the interactive television program guides other than the interactive television program guide implemented on the television equipment device used to adjust program guide settings.

62. (Amended) The method of claim 61 wherein a user selects the interactive television program guides on which the adjusted program guide settings will be effective.

63. (Amended) The method of claim 61 wherein a system default selects the interactive television program guides on which the adjusted program guide settings will be effective.

64. (Amended) The method of claim 61 wherein factors other than by default are used to select the

interactive television program guides on which the adjusted program guide settings will be effective.

67. (Amended) The method of claim 60 wherein the
a¹⁴ settings adjusted include favorites settings.

68. (Amended) The method of claim 60 wherein the settings adjusted include recording settings.

69. (Amended) The method of claim 60 wherein the settings adjusted include pay-per-view settings.

a¹⁵ 71. (Amended) The method of claim 60 wherein the settings adjusted include set-up settings.

a¹⁶ 81. (Amended) The method of claim 60 further comprising viewing an assign location screen.

a¹⁷ 88. (Amended) The method of claim 83 further comprising disallowing monitoring of a selected location.

a18 92. (Amended) An interactive television program guide system based on multiple user television equipment devices in a single household, comprising:

a plurality of user television equipment devices interconnected by communications paths and located in a single household and on which a plurality of interactive television program guides are implemented;

means for providing an opportunity for a user at a given one of the plurality of interactive television program guides to adjust program guide settings with the given one of the plurality of interactive television program guides; and

means for coordinating the operation of the plurality of interactive television program guides so that the program guide settings that are adjusted with the given one of the plurality of interactive television program guides are used by at least another one of the plurality of interactive television program guides during operation of the plurality of interactive program guides.

93. (Amended) An interactive television program guide system based on multiple user television equipment devices in a single household, comprising:

a plurality of user television equipment devices interconnected by communications paths and located in a single household and on which a plurality of interactive television program guides are implemented, wherein the plurality of user television equipment devices are configured to:

provide an opportunity for a user to adjust program guide settings with a given one of the plurality of interactive television program guides; and

a¹⁸ coordinate the operation of the plurality of interactive television program guides so that the program guide settings that are adjusted with the given one of the plurality of interactive television program guides are used by at least another one of the plurality of interactive television program guides during operation of the plurality of interactive program guides.

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Please cancel claims 22, 27, 51, 56, 80, and 85 without prejudice.

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Please add new claims 95-100 as follows:

a¹⁹ 95. (New) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 1 wherein:

the household comprises first and second homes;

at least one of the user television equipment devices is located in the first home;

at least one of the user television equipment devices is located in the second home;

the means for adjusting interactive program guide settings is associated with the interactive television program guide implemented on the at least one user television equipment device located in the first home; and

at least one of the at least one interactive television program guides on which the program guide settings are effective is implemented on the at least one user television equipment device located in the second home.

96. (New) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 1 wherein:

the program guide settings include pay-per-view settings;

a first one of the plurality of user television equipment devices is authorized to allow viewing of a pay-per-view program;

a least one additional one of the plurality of user television equipment devices is authorized to allow viewing of the pay-per-view program;

a first cost is associated with viewing the pay-per-view program at the first one of the plurality of user television equipment devices;

an additional cost is associated with viewing the pay-per-view program at each additional one of the plurality of user television equipment devices; and

a¹⁵ at least one of the at least one interactive television program guides associated with the means for adjusting is configured to provide information about the first cost and each additional cost.

97. (New) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 31 wherein:

the household comprises first and second homes;

at least one of the user television equipment devices is located in the first home;

at least one of the user television equipment devices is located in the second home;

at least one of the at least one interactive program guides configured to adjust interactive television program guide settings is implemented on the at least one user television equipment device located in the first home; and

at least one of the at least one interactive television program guides on which the program guide settings are effective is implemented on the at least one user television equipment device located in the second home.

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98. (New) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 31 wherein:

the program guide settings include pay-per-view settings;

a first one of the plurality of user television equipment devices is authorized to allow viewing of a pay-per-view program;

at least one additional one of the plurality of user television equipment devices is authorized to allow viewing of the pay-per-view program;

a first cost is associated with viewing the pay-per-view program at the first one of the plurality of user television equipment devices;

an additional cost is associated with viewing the pay-per-view program at each additional one of the plurality of user television equipment devices; and

at least one of the at least one of said interactive television guides configured to adjust is further configured to provide information about the first cost and each additional cost.

99. (New) The method of claim 60 wherein:

a¹⁹ the household comprises first and second homes;

at least one of the user television equipment devices is located in the first home;

at least one of the user television equipment devices is located in the second home;

at least one of the at least one of the interactive program guides with which program guide settings are adjusted is implemented on the at least one user television equipment device located in the first home; and

at least one of the at least one of the interactive program guides on which program guide settings are effective is implemented on the at least one user television equipment device located in the second home.

100. (New) The method of claim 60 wherein:

the program guide settings include pay-per-view settings;

a first one of the plurality of user television equipment devices is authorized to allow viewing of a pay-per-view program;

a¹⁹ at least one additional one of the plurality of user television equipment devices is authorized to allow viewing of the pay-per-view program;

a first cost is associated with viewing the pay-per-view program at the first one of the plurality of user television equipment devices;

an additional cost is associated with viewing the pay-per-view program at each additional one of the plurality of user television equipment devices; and

at least one of the at least one of interactive television guides with which settings are adjusted is configured to provide information about the first cost and each additional cost.
